

**REMARKS**

Applicant appreciates the suggestions offered by the Examiner to overcome the objections to Claims 3, 4, 6, 10-12, and 15-20. Accordingly, Claim 1 was rewritten with the language of canceled Claim 10, and independent Claim 13 was rewritten with the language of canceled Claim 17.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and favorable action is requested. No fee for an extension of time or other fees are believed to be required. However, in the event that one or more fees are required, please charge them to Hitachi Global Storage Technologies' Deposit Account Number 50-2587.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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